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**To His Sacred & Most Excellent Majesty George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France & Ireland &c. This Map of North America...is most humbly dedicated...**

**Stock#:** 81769  
**Map Maker:** Willdey  
**Date:** 1717 circa  
**Place:** London  
**Color:** Outline Color  
**Condition:** Good  
**Size:** 24.5 x 37 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



**Description:**

Exceptionally rare map of North America by George Willdey, published in London.

This map is a superb amalgam of two maps by De L'Isle, his *Carte Du Canada ou de la Nouvelle France...* of 1703 and his *Carte Du Mexique et de la Floride des Terres Angloises...* of 1703, two of the most influential maps of the era. A magnificent marriage of contemporary French Cartography and a unique ornate engraving style.

While it is often suggested that Willdey simply reissued maps by Senex, Overton and several other map makers of the period, it is clear that this map is no mere re-issue. The addition of a number of sailing



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vessels in the Caribbean and off the Atlantic Coast, and a bright fresh engraving style which is vastly superior to the work by his predecessors, sets Willdey's work apart from the other.

Willdey's maps are works of art, which include a striking pair of cartouches, an entertaining advertisement for his Great Toy Store.

Willdey was an interesting renaissance character. In addition to issuing some of the most wonderful and decorative English large format maps of the period, he was a maker of Globes, instruments, spectacles, reading glasses and other useful curiosities at his shop, the Great Toy Shop next ye Dogg Tavern in Ludgate.

**Rarity**

The map is very rare on the market. This is the second example we have offered for sale in the past 25 years.

**Detailed Condition:**

Paper toned. Map expertly re-margined, with evidence of old folds and restoration along the folds. A number of skillful repairs along old folds and the outer parts of the map.